



Environmental Impact Statement



Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

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How Do I Submit Comments?

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AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN OF NEW LENOX, IL, I STRONGLY URGE THE STB TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION A SIGNIFICANT SALE THAT WILL HAVE AN OVERALL NEGATIVE AFFECT ON NEW LENOX AS WELL AS 33 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES ALONG THE E&E TRACKS. NEGATIVE AFFECTS INCLUDE: PUBLIC SAFETY, TRAFFIC FLOW, EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIMES, NOISE LEVELS, PROPERTY VALUES, POLLUTION & ~~THE~~ PHYSICAL, BIOLOGICAL & WATER RESOURCES. MY HOME IS SITUATED PARALLEL TO THE E&E TRACKS, AS WELL AS A VIABLE WETLAND & PRAIRIE - WHICH ARE PROTECTED RESOURCES. ~~PARALLEL TO~~ THE WETLAND AND NUMEROUS OTHER WETLANDS, STREAMS & OTHER WATERWAYS, PROTECTED UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT ~~AND~~ WILL BE ^{WHICH ARE} ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS SALE. ANOTHER LARGE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POTENTIAL OF ~~WETLANDS~~ BRUSH & WILD FIRES THAT ARE EXTREMELY LIKELY DUE TO THE INCREASED RAIL TRAFFIC. FOR EXAMPLE, A FEW YEARS BACK, AS A SUMMER DROUGHT SPREAD THROUGH THE MIDWEST, TRAINS ON THE E&E TRACKS IGNITED BRUSH FIRES ALONG SEVERAL ^{FRIGION FROM} MILES OF THE TRACKS & PLACED OUR HOME AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER HOMES & BUSINESSES IN EXTREME DANGER. WITH THE HELP OF

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2 NEW LENOX FIRE SQUADS AS WELL AS OUR OWN EFFORTS, THE FIRES WERE CONTAINED JUST MOMENTS BEFORE MORE DESTRUCTION TOOK PLACE. WITH THE REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CERTAIN SUBSEQUENT DROUGHTS, INCREASED RAIL TRAFFIC ON THE EDGE LINES CAN ONLY INDICATE ~~POSSIBLE~~ SIMILAR CONSEQUENCES.

I STRONGLY URGE THE STB TO CONCENTRATE IT'S EFFORTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ~~AND PUBLIC~~ + PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION RATHER THAN ~~THESE~~ ISSUES RELATING TO ANY PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVED RAIL CONNECTIONS SIDING EXTENSIONS OR INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE-TRACKING. THIS SALE MUST BE DISAPPROVED AS IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT SALE WHICH WILL HAVE LONG-TERM DETRIMENTAL AFFECTS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE 34 AFFECTED COMMUNITIES. LASTLY, I URGE THE STB TO FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THESE COMMUNITIES ~~WILL~~ WILL SUFFER - REGARDLESS OF INCOME ^{OR} RACE - AS THIS SALE WILL HAVE NO BOUNDARIES OTHER THAN THOSE THE CN RAILROAD CREATES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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